



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
AUGUST 22, 2019
@ 7:00 P.M. @ THE BOOE HOUSE

Mayor Doc Davis **called the meeting to order** at 7:00 p.m. Present were the Mayor, Council Members Wesley Hutchins, Marilyn Martin, Town Manager Scott Snow and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

Also in attendance, Paula Davis, representing the Athenean Book Club

Also in attendance, from Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning, Project Planner Gary Robert.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Davis and the **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Wesley Hutchins.

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN WITH 2 ADDITIONS BY MAYOR DAVIS: #2 A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ATHENEAN BOOK CLUB AND #5 PICK A WORKSHOP DATE BY MOTION MADE BY MARILYN MARTIN AND SECONDED BY WESLEY HUTCHINS.
THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.
(HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- JULY 11, 2019
- JULY 25, 2019
- AUGUST 6, 2019 – Joint Planning Board Review Session
- AUGUST 6, 2019 – Town Council Workshop

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY WESLEY HUTCHINS AND SECONDED BY MARILYN MARTIN.
(HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

PUBLIC SESSION

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Mayor Davis opens the **Public Session @ 7:05.**

My name is Dawn Mijac. This year's summer reading program at the library has been a great success. In June we had 22 children and 49 adults. We had a total of 1,057 children and 546 adults attend summer programs at the library. I would like to thank the council for your support.

I'd like to introduce my daughter Tiffany Sweet.

Doc: Welcome Tiffany.

Tiffany: I'm representing "W.H.Y. 6", which stands for WE HAVE YOUR 6. Our mission is to reduce the staggering number of veteran suicides from 22 per day to zero. To accomplish this mission we provide specially trained service dogs, free of charge, provide horse therapy (training and riding horses), and supervised range time for veterans suffering from PTSD, TBI and other service related disabilities.

We also have a "AT RISK YOUTH PROGRAM" where we take non-violent, first time offenders and pair them with a veteran mentor. The at risk youth in this program help in training our service dogs, take care of our horses, and other livestock giving them skills that they can use to turn their lives around.

Marilyn: Sounds like a wonderful program. I have a non-verbal autistic grandson.

Riding horses seemed to help him.

Tiffany: All our programs are free of charge.

Donations can be made online at: www.wehaveyour6.org/donations

Doc: Thank you Tiffany.

With no speakers coming forward the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:11.**

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. PROCLAMATION FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK

Doc: The Daughters of the American Revolution have asked for a Proclamation proclaiming September 17 through the 23 as CONSTITUTION WEEK.

Rusty, please read the Proclamation.

Rusty: PROCLAMATION FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK 2019

WHEREAS: September 17, 2019, marks the two hundred and thirty-second anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

NOW, THEREFORE The Walkertown Town Council by virtue of the authority vested by the State of North Carolina hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as *CONSTITUTION WEEK*

AND ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

ORDAINED AND RESOLVED this 22nd day of August, 2019

Doc: We also have a request for a Resolution recognizing the Athenean Book Club which was formed in 1939 meeting continuously for 80 years.

Rusty, please read the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ATHENEAN BOOK CLUB
FORMED IN 1939 MEETING CONTINUOUSLY FOR 80 YEARS**

WHEREAS, the Athenean Book Club created in 1939 by a small group of Walkertown ladies who decided that meeting together and reading books would enrich their lives.

WHEREAS, the Athenean Book Club Aim: To become wiser, happier and better citizens through our association with books.

WHEREAS, the emblem is the picture of the Greek goddess Athena. (Over wisdom, useful arts and prudent warfare)

WHEREAS, Athenean means a society for the promotion of literary or scientific learning.

WHEREAS, for 80 continuous years the Athenean Book Club has drawn Walkertown ladies from all walks of life; reading together, sharing life and fellowship together and being better citizens of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to recognize the Athenean Book Club formed in 1939 meeting continuously for 80 years by the Town Council of the Town of Walkertown on this the 22th day of August, 2019.

Mayor Davis presents the framed Resolution to Paula Davis, who thanks the Town.

2. PUBLIC HEARING WA-026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER B OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES TO MODIFY THE USE CONDITIONS FOR PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS (Section One) AND THE STREET STANDARD REGARDING SIDEWALKS (Section Two)

Mayor Davis introduces from Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning, Project Planner Gary Roberts.

Gary: WA-026 is a two part text amendment amending Chapter B of the UDO.

The *Section One* amendment clarifies the intent of the ordinance, improves the quality of open space preserved by PRDs, and enhances the compatibility of PRDs adjacent to conventional residential subdivisions.

PRDs (Planned Residential Development) primary goal in a rural setting is to maximize open space preservation. Open space within urban and suburban PRDs should balance the need for open space preservation with an increased need for integration with surrounding developments through street connectivity and compatibility with adjacent and internal land uses.

The heart of the Ordinance is Common Open Space which is a percentage of the total land area. RS-20 is 20% and RM-8 is 15%. There are 3 types of Open Spaces: Passive, Active and Thoroughfare.

Active Open Space shall consist of natural and man-made features which are easily accessible to pedestrians.

Passive Open Space shall consist of natural features such as meadows, woods, agricultural land, riparian buffers and steep slopes.

Thoroughfare Open Spaces are contiguous to major or minor thoroughfares.

Density Bonus: The permitted density of a PRD may be increased beyond standard allowances if a PRD preserves more than the minimum required amount of open space for the underlying zoning district.

Front Loaded Garages: All front loaded garages shall be set back no less than 20 feet from public ROW or private access easements.

Minimum Perimeter Lot Size: A minimum 30 foot bufferyard, adjacent to the PRD perimeter on commonly owned land, is required between outermost lots within PRDs and an adjacent single family zoning district.

Gary: Any questions before we go to Part 2?

Doc: Give an example of Thoroughfare Open Space.

Gary: Sullivantown Road. It's not a neighborhood road. It is a minor thoroughfare.

Wesley: Do agriculture districts still follow the percentage rules?

Gary: I can't really speak to that.

Any questions before we go to Part 2? *NO*

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL

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Gary: The *Section Two* amendment would amend the street standards in Walkertown to require sidewalks on both sides of new cul-de-sacs, local streets, collectors and minor thoroughfares. This amendment would require a minimum planting strip of three and one half feet. A 9' planting strip allows for the planting of large variety shade trees.

Doc: Young people don't want to have to mow more than they have to.

Have other towns adopted this?

Wesley: We don't want to be more strict than other towns.

Gary: We'll know in January but not now.

Any other questions? *NO*.

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With no questions from the council, the **Public Hearing** is opened by Mayor Davis @ 7:43 to those wishing to speak for or against WA-026

With no speakers coming forward Mayor Davis closes the **Public Hearing** at 7:43.

Doc: Do I have a motion?

**MOTION: TO APPROVE WA-026: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER B OF THE *UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES*
TO MODIFY THE USE CONDITIONS FOR PLANNED
RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS (Section One) AND THE
STREET STANDARD REGARDING SIDEWALKS (Section Two)**

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(HUTCHINS, MARTIN)**

3. COMMITTEE UPDATES

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS UPDATES

Doc: Scott included the COG calendar.

Scott: I went to the COG meeting yesterday. They are looking for office space to expand. Possibly lease.

There is no TAC meeting this month.

Doc: Scott had the Waggoner house on Sullivantown demoed.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August, 2019

Doc: We started a new year July 1st. We are 16.6% into the new year. All departments are in line with the exception of some payments made quarterly.

Total expenses are at 9%. Revenue "in" at 6%%. Interest coming in well.

Unrestricted Funds @ \$3,683,245.60 and Restricted Funds @ \$997,172.04 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$4,680,417.64.

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 2019 AS PRESENTED

BY: MARILYN MARTIN

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

5. SET WORKSHOP DATE FOR SEPTEMBER, 2019

Council agrees to set the workshop date for September 12th.

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Mayor Davis opens the **PUBLIC SESSION** at 8:11.

With no speaker coming forward the Mayor closes the **PUBLIC SESSION @ 8:11.**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 8:12 P.M.

BY: MARILYN MARTIN

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(HUTCHINS, MARTIN)

ANOUNCEMENTS:

Town Hall Closed – September 2nd

Planning Board Meeting – September 3rd – 3:00pm – Walkertown Library

Fall Festival Meeting – September 9th – 4:00pm – Town Hall

Town Council Meeting – September 26th – 7:00pm – Walkertown Library

RECYCLING SCHEDULE - every other week

SEPTEMBER – 2019

ROUTE A – 3rd, 16th & 30TH

ROUTE B – 9th & 23rd

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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